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I would like to put on record my opposition to the Proposed Final Judgment in the Microsoft anti-trust case as inadequately restrictive of Microsoft's anti-competitive behavior.

As just two examples:

1. The PFJ requires Microsoft to release internal API specifications to Independent Software Vendors only at the time the software goes into beta release. This gives inadequate time for ISVs to make their software compatible (or competitive). Further, Microsoft can easily manipulate the schedule or labeling of pre-releases (e.g., "alpha" releases) to circumvent this requirement even further.
2. Nowhere does the PFJ require Microsoft to release undocumented file formats, even though it was established in the Findings of Fact that these undocumented formats form part of the barrier to entry for ISVs.

Thank you for your attention.

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